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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Honorable Commissioner:

This is a response to the final office action mailed by the Office on Nov. 5, 2004. Kindly enter this request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. A check for \$500 for the required filing fee accompanies this request.